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TAGS: OEXC VE (HERNANDEZ, HUMBERTO)

SUBJ: IV LABOR GRANTS

REF: STATE 074144

1. SENATOR HUMBERTO HERNANDEZ WILL ARRIVE MAY 3, NEW YORK/PAA 218, WASHINGTON/DULLES AIRPORT/BRANIFF 11 TO ATTEND THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY, AIRLINE, AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS (AFL-CIO) CONVENTION. HERNANDEZ IS UNWILLING TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO THE FULL 20-DAY PROGRAM AT THIS EARLY DATE SINCE HE HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS HE WILL BE ABLE TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM VENEZUELA FOR SUCH A LENGTHY PERIOD GIVEN THE PRESS OF UNION AND SENATE BUSINESS.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: HERNANDEZ IS ONE OF THE ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) OLD GUARD. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IN 1947 AND WAS ALREADY THE LEADER OF THE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AT THAT TIME. HERNANDEZ WAS JAILED DURING THE PEREZ HIMENEZ DICTATORSHIP AND THEN EXILED IN HAVANA, PARIS, AND MEXICO WHERE HE WORKED WITH ORIT. AFTER PEREZ HIMENEZ WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1958 HERNANDEZ RETURNED TO VENEZUELA AND TO HIS POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION AND THE CONGRESS. HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS ON TRADE UNION BUSINESS. HE HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. LABOR ATTACHE AND WITH THE AFL-CIO.

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HERNANDEZ APPEARS TO BE IN HIS LATE SIXTIES. HE HAS JUST

BEEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION.  
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